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**FOR INFORMATION**  
**COLNE LEVELLING UP FUND PROGRAMME UPDATE AUGUST 2023**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on Colne Levelling Up Fund projects.

**ISSUE**

The Colne Levelling Up Fund (LUF) projects consist of the Heritage Quarter and Colne Market, this report provides an update of the status of both projects:

**Heritage Quarter**

Works are proceeding to schedule at the Municipal Theatre with completion due in time for the Pantomime season.

Works have commenced on time at the Hippodrome Theatre and are due to proceed for around 11-12 months in total. Some productions will be able to take place during this time, while works are concentrated in the former public house building.

Final arrangements are being made to get works started at The Little Theatre. It is expected to be able to provide the Committee with a programme in the next report.

**Market Hall**

Further design adjustments have been made to the Market Hall proposals, based on the public consultation events held, discussions with market traders and feedback from members of the Colne Market Working Group, which consists of two representatives each from the PBC Executive Committee, Colne and District Area Committee, Colne Town Council, and Market Traders.

This revised design has engendered a lot of useful feedback into the design process which is currently under review prior to submission of the planning application, which is expected by 29 August 2023.

Extensive liaison has also taken place with the traders around their temporary relocation during the works period. These include the use of Poundland and other vacant retail premises. The timing of relocation is currently under review. Proposals for promotional activities and support are being developed to help boost trade.

The programme of works is under review, but subject to planning permission, is still intended to start later this year.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**None.**